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City's body count grows

Incidents. Police leading investigations into four deaths in as many days

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Police confirmed Calgary's first and second homicides of 2013 Tuesday and were continuing to probe the discovery of two other bodies in separate areas of the city.

The number of deaths may appear surprising in a city where the annual homicide count has not eclipsed 20 since 2009, but police staff Sgt. Grant Miller said these things do happen and there's nothing to indicate any of the four investigations are linked.

"I think it's just unfortunate that we had two such incidents this past weekend," Miller said, referring to a stabbing death in Taradale Saturday and a beating in Royal Oak Sunday.

On Tuesday morning, police responded to the discovery of two other bodies, one in a Forest Lawn alley and another inside a Bankview dwelling.

Miller and police duty Insp. Mike Tillotson said the deaths have been classified to have undetermined causes until further medical evaluation of the bodies, which is expected to occur no later than Wednesday.

A woman was also rushed to hospital late Monday after being severely choked by a man inside a North Haven home, according to reports.

The number of violent incidents occurring inside homes was alarming to Kevin McNichol, executive director of community support organization HomeFront. He said often it takes just a triggering event to bring long-standing issues in a home to the boiling point. An example, given the time of year, would be a rise in household debt associated with Christmas spending.

"A lot of issues that they (police) respond to in homes are social problems that may or may not escalate into a criminal problem," he said.

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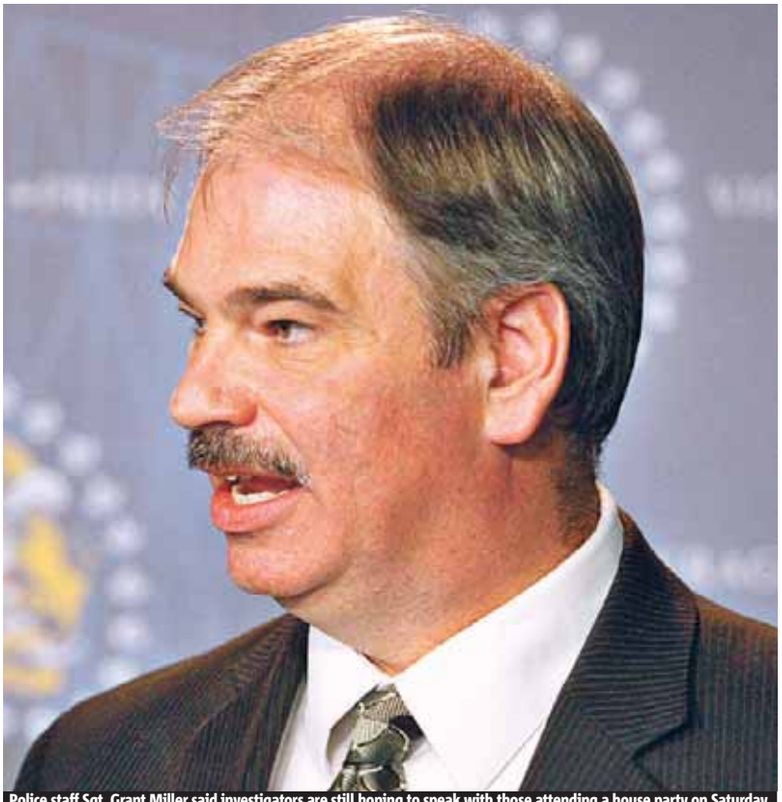
Adding up

Deaths being investigated:

- The city's first homicide victim of 2013 has been identified as 30-year-old Matthew Brown. He was stabbed during an early-morning house party Saturday in the 0-100 block of Taradale Close N.E.
- A second homicide victim has been identified as 65-year-old Alexander Potoroka. He was beaten severely in a home on Royal Oak Drive N.W. Sunday and died Monday. A tenant of the home has been charged.
- A 34-year-old woman was found dead by a roommate in an apartment in the 1700 block of 23rd Avenue S.W. Tuesday morning.
- A man was also found dead Tuesday in an alley in the 5200 block of 17th Avenue S.E.



Police staff Sgt. Grant Miller said investigators are still hoping to speak with those attending a house party on Saturday, where Calgary's first homicide victim of 2013, Matthew Brown, was stabbed. METRO FILE

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Traffic stop yields big pot bust

A Calgary man faces charges after police uncovered several pounds of marijuana, Canmore RCMP say.

On Monday night, a Dodge Ram pickup was pulled over for speeding near the Banff Park Gates on Highway 1. Officers found cannabis resin in the front console during a cursory search and placed the driver under arrest. During a subsequent search, they found 14 pounds of weed in the back of the truck.

Lee Levesque, 38, is charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and proceeds of crime under $5,000. METRO

Manhunt

Jewel thieves on the run

Cochrane RCMP are on the hunt for a man and woman they believe made off with more than $17,000 in jewelry last month.

A gold diamond ring worth $16,000 and a gold necklace worth $1,100 were stolen from Goldtown Jeweller on Dec. 17.

Police say surveillance footage shows a female customer distracting the owner while a man leans over a display case, opens it from the back and puts the items in his jacket.

The man is described as six feet tall, heavy-set and wearing a white ball cap, a jacket with red on the inside, dark pants and light-coloured shoes.

The woman is about five-foot-eight, with straight dark hair about six inches below her shoulders. She was wearing a dark blue jacket with yellow and red stripes on the shoulders, dark pants and dark shoes.

If you know anything, call the Cochrane RCMP at 403-851-8000 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. METRO

Ald. Druh Farrell will chair a committee meeting on Wednesday during which aldermen will consider a new Municipal Development Plan Implementation and Effectiveness Strategy. Farrell believes the document will guide future city councils and keep Calgary on track with long-term plans. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

City mulls new method for sticking to its plans

Key measures. Regular reports will update council on population density, employment, roads, transit, urban forests and other issues

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Calgary has been known to make a plan and then not stick to it, but some aldermen hope that will change with new reporting mechanisms up for a vote on Wednesday.

"We don't have a great track record of implementing our plans, but that's changing," said Ald. Druh Farrell, chair of the city's planning and urban development committee.

Farrell said "structural changes," many of which are contained within a new monitoring strategy, hold the key to keeping plans on track for the long term.

That strategy calls for council to receive regular updates, beginning in the spring, on 14 "core indicators" relating to the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP).

"I think it's the only way that they'll stick to the plans in the future," she said. "What gets measured gets done."

Ald. Andre Chabot said he supports the basic principles in those plans but noted new plans can conflict with old ones.

For example, he said an initial plan to develop the 17th Avenue S.E. corridor was gutted in the more recent RouteAhead transit plan, which now calls for a scaled-back version of the project in his ward.

"We're scrapping old plans in lieu of new plans without having implemented the previous plans," Chabot said.

Ald. Richard Pootmans said some inconsistency between plans put forward by different councils over many years are inevitable, but the MDP and CTP should be considered as "overarching plans" that guide decisions from this point on, including resolving any conflicts between other plans, old and new.

"That's what city council does at the end of the day, is reconcile all of that," he said.

Game plans

- Council approved both the Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan in September 2009.
- The plans outline a vision for growth over the next 60 years, during which time Calgary is forecast to grow by 1.3 million residents.
- They earned the city the Award of Merit from the Alberta Professional Planners Institute in October 2011.

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Retired judge to probe Katz donations to Tories

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A retired judge has been appointed to review political donations made by Edmonton Oilers owner Daryl Katz to the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta.

Elections Alberta spokesman Drew Westwater would not say how much money is involved, but the Opposition Wildrose party says the donation was for $430,000.

Former Alberta Queen's Bench justice Ernest Marshall is heading the team. He is being assisted by two independent investigators, one with a police background.

Wildrose justice critic Shayne Saskiw said he welcomes the appointment of the independent investigators.

Quote

"Albertans deserve ... the assurance that their government is not for sale." Wildrose justice critic Shayne Saskiw

The Opposition has been calling for the investigation since last fall after media reports indicated the Alberta PCs accepted a single $430,000 donation. Under Alberta law the legal limit for a single donation is $30,000.

"The PC party must be held to account for soliciting and attempting to get around these rules, and Albertans deserve a level playing field during elections and the assurance that their government is not for sale," Saskiw said.

If the law was broken, the PC party and Katz could face fines and any illegal donations would have to be paid back. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary's tweeters more active, less 'close-knit' than Edmonton's

Rapid growth. Average month in 2012 saw 50,000 Calgary-area users post at least one tweet, blogger says, up from 10,500 in July 2010

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Calgarians out-tweeted their counterparts in Edmonton but tweeted less frequently to one another, according to an analysis of 2012 Twitter traffic.

"People in Edmonton seem to be way more tight-knit around talking to one another," said Mack Male, an Alberta blogger who keeps a close eye on media issues.

Male mined a year's worth of Twitter data and found that more than 105,000 users in Calgary and the immediate area tweeted in 2012, combining for more than 19 million tweets between them.

That compares to about 16.5 million total tweets from Edmonton users.

About 14 per cent of Edmontonians' tweets, however, were in reply to other tweets from Edmonton, Male said. The "local reply" ratio in Calgary, by contrast, was about 10 per cent.

Regular Calgary tweeter James Callsen wasn't surprised by the disparities between Edmonton and Calgary. He figured it's related to "fundamental differences" between the cities' cultures.

"In Calgary I think there's lot more people sitting in an office somewhere, hammering away on their phone when they take a few minutes to themselves," he said.

Twitter traffic

- **Election.** October saw the most tweets from Calgary users last year, with 1.86 million for the month. James Callsen guessed that had to do with the lead-up to the U.S. presidential election.
- **Hump day.** Wednesday was the most popular day of the week to use Twitter, recording 3.1 million tweets for the year. Callsen thought that had to do with people being burned out at work.

Bikini weather already?

Emily Lavender, left, and Shelby Kilbride donned green bikinis, wigs and body paint to attract attention on Stephen Avenue Tuesday afternoon and encourage Calgarians to adopt vegan diets. The pair is travelling throughout Western Canada on behalf of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) to promote the message that meat production is not only cruel to living creatures, but also hard on the environment, both locally and globally. That message got a chilly reception from some passersby in beef-friendly Alberta, but many people stopped to talk with and support the women, as well. The temperature at the time was 0 C. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Safety. Pipeline report delayed to end of March

Albertans will have to wait a little longer to hear about the safety of a labyrinth of oil and natural-gas pipelines that criss-cross the province.

A technical review of the pipeline network was handed to Alberta Energy last month and is now being analyzed by the Energy Resources Conservation Board.

Alberta Energy spokesman Mike Deising said the board is set to finish its work by March 31, and the public will be asked to comment on the report later in the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2011 death. Fort Sask. murder hearing begins

A preliminary hearing has begun for a man accused in the death of a woman whose body was discovered in central Alberta.

Mark Lindsay, 25, is charged with second-degree murder, offering an indignity to a body and obstruction of justice.

The body of Dana Turner was found in a field west of Innisfail, Alta., in October 2011. She had been reported missing from Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., about two months earlier.

Lindsay is the son of former Edmonton police chief John Lindsay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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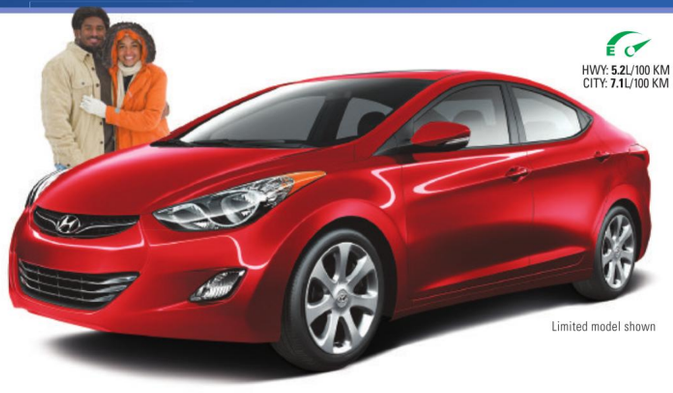

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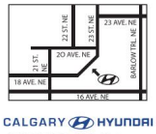

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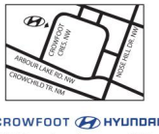

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Local entrepreneur launches poker site

Technology. New gambling site to use online currency Bitcoin

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In poker, you play the man, not your hand.

That theme is prevalent in a new global poker site that Calgary entrepreneur Michael Hajduk is hoping to launch around month's end after years of development.

Known as Infiniti Poker, the site provides the option of allowing card sharks to play on virtual tables requiring the use of a webcam and also offers opportunities to stay connected with people met on the site through the use of social media.

"I'm a not hardcore poker player, ironically enough, but I do enjoy poker how I believe most people enjoy poker, as a social phenomenon," said Hajduk, describing the concept behind the site. "It's a means to get together with friends, have a few drinks and kick back after a hard week at work."

The use of webcams and social media also can create a draw for members wanting to play face-to-face with a pro or celebrity, he said, adding site organizers plan to host numerous charity tournaments with big names attached.

Infiniti Poker has already garnered plenty of media attention in the U.S. Forbes published an opinion article over the weekend specifically for its planned use of Bitcoin, a decentralized currency that exists only online. Some online gambling proponents, including Hajduk, see the technology as a method to skirt strict Internet laws south of the border.

Calgary online-poker competitor Jay Kowalski said he already plays on another site that utilizes webcams but noted it doesn't hurt to have friends to chat with during long stints at the virtual tables.

"Seems like having lots of players join the tournaments and the promise of big prize-pool guarantees are what keep me coming back," said the 31-year-old, who spends an average of 25 hours per week playing online poker.

A beta version of Infiniti Poker is already available for trial at infinitipoker.com.

Michael Hajduk playing in a 2012 World Series of Poker event in Las Vegas. CONTRIBUTED

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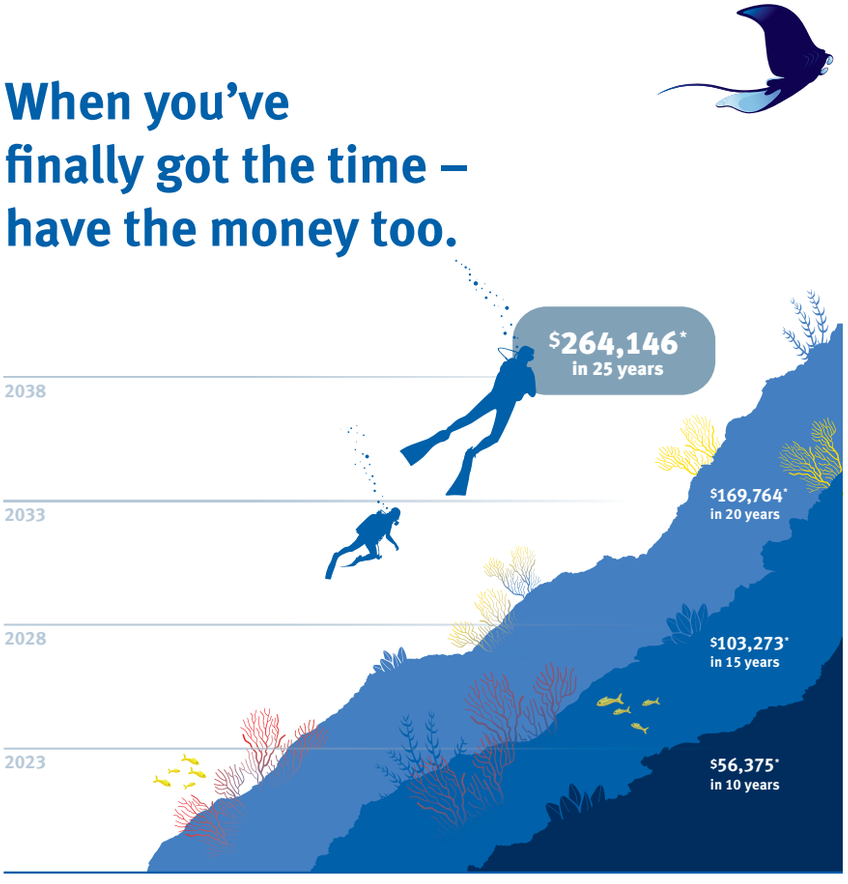

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Rental woes. Calgarians have ruff time finding landlords to accept Fido

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Numerous prospective renters told Metro this week it's been nearly impossible to find an affordable place that accepts large-breed dogs despite months of searching.

"I looked for about a year, I saw a bunch of places, I talked to a bunch of landlords, I got hung up on a lot," said Shauna McFee of her initial experience a couple of years ago.

It's only become worse since then, McFee said.

Darren Paddock of RentFaster.ca said landlords started becoming more restrictive about pets around autumn 2011, when vacancy rates started dropping.

"It's just gotten tighter as it progressed into 2012," he said.

Accommodation issues are the No. 1 reason animals are surrendered to the Calgary Humane Society, said spokesman Mark Takhar.

Evelyn Hawken's family is currently looking to move from Edmonton with their German shepherd, Shadow, but so far have had no luck.

She said they'd be willing to live just outside of Calgary, if necessary, and if worse comes to worst leave the dog behind with a family member.

"But that's a last resort, as she is a big part of our family now," Hawken said.

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Three-year-old Nina Hawken hugs her family dog, Shadow. The Hawken family wants to move to Calgary from Edmonton but so far has not been able to find rental accommodation that will accept Shadow. CONTRIBUTED

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Armed. Company produces parts likely to be banned by pending gun-control plans

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After the tragedies of Sandy Hook and Aurora, the U.S. government is preparing to introduce stricter guidelines on gun ownership. But supporters of the Second Amendment could get around them by printing their own firearms at home.

The technology is still developing, but 2012 saw the first shots fired from guns with printed parts. "Gun hacking" has a growing community in online forums and has become serious business.

"I have five people now making AK-47 magazines — they're incredibly easy to reproduce," Cody Wilson, CEO of the Defense Distributed company in Texas, told Metro. A firm believer in the right to bear arms, Wilson is deliberately producing parts for assault weapons likely to be banned by new controls.

"(U.S. Vice-President) Joe Biden's group are using the assumption that if you control the channel you control the product — but that is not the case anymore," says Wilson.

His company has made open-source code for more than 30 gun parts available online, and claims they receive thousands of downloads a day.

The printed guns are not a finished product. "At this point, the biggest problem is the force of explosion in the chamber," Kevin Coleman, military technology analyst, told Metro. But the U.S. military has begun to outfit its mobile labs with 3D printers to replace parts, and Coleman believes "further down the line you could produce a weapon that way."

So how could the weapons be controlled? Government can't intervene effectively, says Michael Weinberg, an attorney specializing in emerging technologies. "When you apply anger over gun control to a general-purpose technology, there's a lot of collateral damage," he said.

Counterweight. Giffords to fight powerful gun lobby

Gabrielle Giffords GETTY IMAGES FILE

The former U.S. congresswoman who was shot in the head two years ago launched a national effort against gun violence on Tuesday, saying she and her husband will work to counter the country's strong gun lobby, the NRA.

Gabrielle Giffords' effort comes as the Obama administration faces a self-imposed deadline at the end of this month to propose ways to curb the mass shootings and other violence that continue to grip the country. The administration this week is calling gun-owner groups, victims' organizations and representatives from the video-game industry to the White House for discussions.

The sense of urgency comes after a young man with a high-powered rifle, legally purchased by his mother, shot 20 young children and six adults to death at a school in Connecticut last month. President Barack Obama, who had been quiet on gun violence during his first term, called the shooting the worst moment of his presidency.

One top Republican has warned that action on gun violence will be pushed back due to debate over fiscal issues.

Giffords, who has owned a Glock pistol, and her husband, former astronaut Mark Kelly, are becoming prominent voices for gun-control efforts. They wrote in an opinion piece published in USA Today that their Americans for Responsible Solutions, a political action committee, would help raise money to support greater gun-control efforts.

"Achieving reforms to reduce gun violence and prevent mass shootings will mean matching gun lobbyists in their reach and resources," they wrote. The National Rifle Association said after the Connecticut shooting that the solution would be putting an armed security officer in every school.

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Internet privacy. Federal watchdog out to rein in the would-be snoopers

An intense public outcry over the Conservative government's blockbuster bid to bolster Internet surveillance powers may be paying off.

The federal privacy watchdog has jumped into the fray to try to help the Tories find a compromise.

It proposes new procedures that will, yes, give police and spies key information about Internet users.

But it's striving to retain the principle of judicial oversight, a memo obtained under the Access to Information Act shows.

The internal memo reveals assistant privacy commissioner Chantal Bernier asked University of Montreal law professor Karim Benyekhlef to "help find a middle ground between security and privacy."

Protesters say allowing authorities access to Internet subscriber information without a court-approved warrant would be a dangerous infringement of privacy.

The government has indicated the bill would go directly to a House of Commons committee, skipping the usual second reading, to allow for amendments. But it has not yet resurfaced.

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Hands off our computer keyboards, protesters say — but the feds have other ideas. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Yes, they're Indians, Canadian court rules

13-year fight. Court says 600,000 Metis and non-status Indians fall under federal jurisdiction

The federal government's responsibilities for aboriginal peoples just got a lot bigger.

After more than 13 years of legal wrangling, the Federal Court ruled Tuesday that Metis and non-status Indians are indeed "Indians" under the Constitution Act and fall under federal jurisdiction.

The decision helps to clarify the relationship between Ottawa and more than 600,000 aboriginal people who are not affiliated with specific reserves.

"This is huge," said Betty Ann Lavallee, national chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

"It ends the denial of aboriginal birthrights that has existed for far too long."

Federal Court Judge Michael Phelan wrote that "the recognition of Metis and non-status Indian as Indians … should accord a further level of respect and reconciliation."

While the decision does not declare the federal government has a fiduciary responsibility to the group, it says such duties would flow automatically.

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and several Metis and non-status Indians argued they are entitled to some or all of the same rights and benefits as on-reserve First Nations members.

They say that includes access to the same health, education and other benefits Ottawa gives status Indians.

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National chief Betty Ann Lavallee, pictured after the ruling, said: "Today is a very emotional day for me and a very hopeful day for all off-reserve aboriginal peoples." ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"This is going to require a lot of bureaucratic re-thinking and policy development."

Robert Janes, a Victoria lawyer who focuses on aboriginal issues

Anger. First Nations say: We won't 'roll over'

Two First Nations from Alberta are taking the federal government to court.

They claim they weren't consulted about Conservative omnibus budget legislation that makes significant changes to environmental protection and assessment.

The Mikisew Cree First Nation and the Frog Lake First Nation launched their legal challenge Tuesday in Ottawa.

"The rest of Canada should be with us in support and send a message to Stephen Harper and his government that what they're doing is wrong," said Chief Steve Courtoreille of the Mikisew Cree First Nation.

"They can't ram bills down our throats and expect us to roll over and accept it, because this is going to affect our future, affect the future of all of Canada."

The two First Nations want a judicial review of parts of Bill C-38 and Bill C-45, focusing on changes to the Fisheries Act and the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

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Real estate market 'still relatively solid'

Mortgage lending.
Country's top bankers tell conference that pullback is limited to certain markets

Canada's real estate market remains "relatively solid" and should experience a "soft landing" despite the current slowdown and fears of overbuilding in the condominium segment, the country's leading bankers said Tuesday.

Speaking to a RBC banking conference in Toronto, the country's top bankers said they don't expect a dramatic downturn like the one in the United States about five years ago.

The bursting of the U.S. housing bubble is considered a major cause of the credit crunch that swept Wall Street and then the global economy in the fall of 2008, after interest rates on sub-prime mortgages rose and defaults soared.

By contrast, sub-prime mortgages have been less common in Canada and real estate prices have trended upward for the most part — except for a few months during the 2008-09 recession and in some economically disadvantaged areas.

"Our expectation is that the overall real estate market in Canada is still relatively solid," Royal Bank CEO Gord Nixon said Tuesday.

Despite reports that suggest Canadian housing is in crisis, he said the pullback is limited to a couple of markets, notably Vancouver.

"We have seen a slowdown in sales and we've certainly seen a slowdown in mortgage demand but price levels are relatively stable," he said.

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Market Minute

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Natural gas: $3.22 US (-5¢)
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Amid Spain's turmoil, a ray of hope

Health workers protest against austerity measures outside a hospital in Pamplona, northern Spain, on Tuesday. Amid the country's economic turmoil, there's news that its borrowing costs have dropped sharply from unsustainable highs last year. Spain's Treasury says it plans to borrow 230 billion euro (about $300 billion) in 2013, down from 250 billion euro last year, and is expecting to pay lower interest rates than those that battered the country in 2012. ALVARO BARRIENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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DOES THE NHL THINK WE'RE ALL CHUMPS?

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Are you ready for some hockey?

You've probably been ready since last September, but the NHL does not care.

The NHL does care about salary caps, revenue sharing, pension plans, free agency and all the other arcana of the hockey business, so much so that they shut the whole show down for 113 days to eliminate distractions.

Message to fans: Not now, not now. Can't you see we're talking about bidness?

So now an agreement between the players and the owners has been struck and arenas across North America should be open for business on Jan. 19.

Hockey's back. The question is: Do you care?

The answer is easy: Of course you do. You grew up on skates. You live and die by the fortunes of your team. You personally identify with your favourite players, from Ryan Kesler to Ryan Nugent-Hopkins to … someone … on the Toronto Maple Leafs roster, I'm sure.

Send in the clowns

The NHL has your number. It owns your hockey soul, and when the gates swing open next Saturday, the NHL expects you to be there, all decked out in the jersey of your favourite multi-millionaire and your foam finger.

You care so much it hurts. It hurts when the game takes your heart and slams it into the boards. This is the second NHL lockout in the last decade. Last time, like an abused spouse, you came back, hoping it would be different. It's not different. Are you going to come back this time?

Of course you are.

The NHL has your number. It owns your hockey soul, and when the gates swing open next Saturday, the NHL expects you to be there, all decked out in the jersey of your favourite multi-millionaire and your foam finger.

And you will be there, because the NHL is the only game that matters. Hockey's entire culture, built on a base of suburban rinks and small-town arenas, fuels the NHL, where the 690 best players on Earth do their thing. If you're watching the Oshawa Generals, it's to spot future NHL stars. If you're watching the Abbotsford Heat, it's only because a real NHL pro is passing through or falling in. If you're watching the Spengler Cup, you're watching a reshuffle of the NHL deck.

They have you where they want you. Which is why they can take you for granted and shut the league down while they haggle over the salary cap or whatever. They know you'll be there, nose pressed to the Plexiglas, when they decide it's time.

A word about "you." You are not a resident of Tampa Bay, Fla., U.S.A. You are Johnny Canuck from Moose Jaw or Moosonee. You know that whatever happens in Miami or Minsk, hockey is your birthright. No one else in the world cares the way you care.

If that makes you a chump, then so be it. At least now there's hockey.

On the web

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Catch a tiger by the flail

ASHLEY VINCENT/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTO CONTEST

Prize capture

Tigress in water photo wins big

An Indochinese tigress named Busaba shakes herself dry after a swim at Khao Kheow Open Zoo in Chonburi, Thailand. The Explosion! by Ashley Vincent, 49, a British wildlife photographer based in Thailand, shook off the competition of more than 22,000 entries to win the 2012 National Geographic Photography Contest. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Equipment used

- Canon EOS 7D with a Canon EF 70-200mm f/2.8L IS MK II USM lens.

Q&A with photographer Ashley Vincent

'An explosion of water droplets'

How did this photo come about?
My family and I were showing my mother-in-law around the zoo. She wanted to see some tigers, so we made our way over to Busaba, who at the time was being fed slivers of fresh meat. I'd never taken much interest before in watching this — it's more for the benefit of visitors to Thailand — until one piece Busaba had caught hold of slipped and fell into the pool. She dived in to retrieve it and, as she re-emerged, shook herself dry with an explosion of water droplets, and in an instant I had a cartoon light bulb appear above my head!

For you, what message is revealed in this image?
This is just one moment when this animal is so engaged in natural behaviour that any melancholy thoughts we may have, like animals in captivity, are expelled from our minds. It's freedom from thought.

Any advice for budding photographers?
For all the money I've spent travelling around in Asia and Africa to (photograph) wild animals, ironically this winning image I captured was taken about 30 minutes away from my house. I believe a tiger, for example, in captivity can be every bit as amazing and gorgeous as a tiger in the wild. So as wonderful as "wild" animal photography can be, until such a dream opportunity comes along, don't feel in any way disadvantaged because the only alternative you may have is to photograph captive animals.
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That's entertainment?

All not right as Rain in S. Korean army

South Korea's defence ministry has decided to confine pop star Rain to his base for a week for meeting with an actress while on duty.

The penalty is the lightest a South Korean soldier can face. Paparazzi photos recently showed Rain with actress Kim Tae-hee when he wasn't allowed to have private meetings while outside his base for official duties such as recording and performing.

Rain is fulfilling his two-year mandatory military service as an "entertainment soldier." His meetings with Kim raised suspicions that the military was coddling popular entertainers with special favours because they help enhance its image. Officials deny it.

Time magazine named him one of the world's 100 most influential people in 2011. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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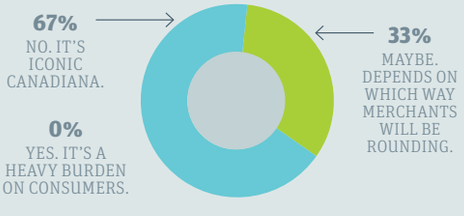

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@gummidj:
Only in #yyc can you see someone in shorts, a parka and toque. Love it. Good job bus kid. Definitely going to med school

@PRwithJB:
Is "David Spence's Moustache" the name of a band? If not, it should be. #yyc

@TheRealSlouse:
I can't even get 2 bars of service in Banff and @Cmdr_Hadfield is tweeting pics of #YYC from the Intl Space Station. Way to go Telus!

@bbcalgary:
Train conductor just said "All aboard." This guy gets it. #yyc

@sarahhruvmom:
Thanks to the lovely lady who let me go first in the drive thru :) have a grt day !! Enjoy your coffee #YYC

@RitchieBeCool:
Calgary is cursed with terrible drivers. #yyc #yycproblems

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In Focus

Hoping for more award success

IN FOCUS
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Zero Dark Thirty is billed as "the story of history's greatest manhunt for the world's most dangerous man." It's a carefully plotted espionage tale that flows from the clues that lead to the death of Osama bin Laden at the hands of the Navy SEAL Team 6 in May, 2011 and it will very likely earn its director, Kathryn Bigelow, an Academy Award nomination.

It won't be the first time the Academy has honoured her. In fact, she's one for the record books. Her last film, The Hurt Locker, was a huge critical hit and made her the first woman to win best director awards from the Academy Awards, the Directors Guild of America, the BAFTAs and the Critics' Choice Awards.

It was her first serious awards recognition. At age 61 she is a veteran with nine features, hours of television and music videos for bands.

A trilogy of action films — Blue Steel, Point Break and Strange Days — saw her blend technical sophistication with themes that redefined the genre of the movies.

"When you have this great social tool, at the very least, take advantage of it as a means to communicate."

Movie violence in a gun sensitive period

Industry issues.
The Gangster Squad and The Last Stand filmmakers respond to shootings

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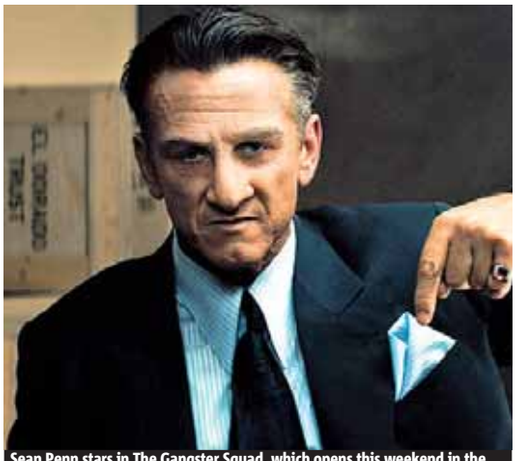

Sean Penn stars in The Gangster Squad, which opens this weekend in the shadow of recent gun violence in the U.S. HANDOUT

The recent high-profile U.S. shootings — most notably in a movie theatre in Colorado in July and an elementary school in Connecticut just before Christmas — have brought attention back to gun violence in popular culture. It's an issue the people behind two of this month's more bullet-ridden releases have had to grapple with while promoting their films.

"It's obviously something that's affected all of us. I don't think anybody has spent the last few weeks not thinking a lot about that, but this is fantasy and that's reality," says Lorenzo di Bonaventura, producer of the Arnold Schwarzenegger shoot-em-up The Last Stand, out later this month. "I think we need to figure out reality, and fantasy always follows reality. I'm not a politician, so I'll stay off my point of view, but it's clearly something that all of us have a great deal of respect for what those people have suffered, and we don't look at this as part of that. They're two different things."

One film that's been even more closely linked to recent tragedy is Gangster Squad, about police going to war with a ruthless criminal in 1940s L.A. Originally, the film featured a scene depicting mobsters opening fire on a movie theatre full of patrons, but Warner Bros. quickly decided to cut the scene and postpone the film's release following the movie theatre shooting in Aurora, Colo.

"The Aurora shooting was an unspeakable tragedy, and out of respect for the families of the victims, we felt it necessary to reshoot that sequence, and I'm proud of the fact that I did that," director Ruben Fleischer says. "I think that we should all respect the tragedy and not draw associations to our film as a result of ... I mean to these types of tragedies."

While producers and directors might be careful with their statements, their stars are much more willing to spout off on the topic. Gangster Squad star Josh Brolin thinks connecting violence onscreen to violence in real life is a misguided oversimplification.

"You have to look at the grand scheme of things, from a universal standpoint," Brolin, who fires his fair share of rounds in Gangster Squad, says. "You have video games, you have psycho-pharmaceuticals, you have lowest employment, you have parents that aren't at home. You have CNN who gloms on to the worst of what's going on and not necessarily the best or the most heroic. So, there's many different factors. There's always been violence in movies and there always will be violence in movies. Whether it leads to the one psychotic that's out there that's thinking the worst thoughts you can possibly think is always going to be a mystery, I think."

Schwarzenegger agrees that scapegoating entertainment is a mistake.

"It's two different issues. This is entertainment, and the other thing is a tragedy beyond belief and it's serious and the real deal," he says, referring to the shooting in Newtown, Conn.

The former governor of California, who's no stranger to hot-button issues, already sees plenty of areas that need investigating.

"How can we do better with gun laws? If there is any loophole, if there is a problem there, let's analyze it. Let's not jump to conclusions, let's analyze," he says.

Quote

"If there is a problem there, let's analyze it. Let's not jump to conclusions, let's analyze"

Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Taylor Swift

Romance fades as Swift's ex parties with Branson

Taylor Swift's fledging romance with One Direction member Harry Styles appears to be over, as Swift left their romantic getaway to the British Virgin Islands early after a reportedly heated argument with Styles, according to Business Insider.

But while photos of Swift looking glum and lonely on her trip back hit the Internet, Styles apparently wasn't too broken up about the break up.

"Richard Branson heard Harry was staying nearby so invited him to come check out Necker (Island)," a source says. "So when Taylor left for the states, Harry went to Branson's island for the day to let off some steam. He did plenty of partying and was definitely enjoying himself while hanging out with guests. He returned to Virgin Gorda in the early morning hours looking like he had a raucous night."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Bieber hashtag encourages fans to cut themselves

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Metro World News

Late Monday evening, Justin Bieber was trending on Twitter. Hardly new for the tween icon, but this was a darker episode, with the hashtag #cuttingforBieber used by young fans to offer blood sacrifices to their hero.

"Beliebers" participated in a campaign of self-harm in response to a weekend picture that appeared to show Bieber smoking marijuana. Hundreds of images of slashed arms, some obviously fake, some disturbingly real, flooded the social network. "Why did you do this @justinbieber You broke my heart," one user posted above a graphic image of the user's injuries.

The campaign was orchestrated by the 4Chan forum, popular with trolls, and plans can be seen on the website. "Lets see if we can get some little girls to cut themselves," a member wrote, and fake pictures were seeded to encourage the trend.

The horrific episode was picked up by celebrities, including singer and friend of Bieber, Miley Cyrus. "Cutting is NOT something to joke about. There are people who are actually suffering from self-harm, this is so disrespectful," the star tweeted.

Bieber fans are known for their zeal and the "Bieber fever" phenomenon has been studied by psychologists. Two fans were arrested in December for plotting to castrate and murder the Canadian singer.

Second split for Cooper and girlfriend?

Bradley Cooper and Zoe Saldana, who never confirmed they were dating, have reportedly broken up for a second time, according to Page Six.

The pair are said to have initially dated for three months early last year after filming The Words together and then got together again in September, but they went their separate ways once more before the holidays.

"Zoe had planned to spend the holidays with Bradley and his family in Europe. They all were going to Paris, but things didn't work out between them. Zoe spent New Year's Eve with friends in Miami," a source says.

"If Zoe was upset over the split with Bradley, she didn't show it."

Twitter

@Rosie
Watching the biggest loser makes me want to eat cheesecake

@rosemcgowan
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The new links of Barbados are a hole-in-one for golfers

Swinging in the sun. From sugar cane meadows to Atlantic coastline, these courses put the island's terrain to good use

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Once reliant on a traditional sun, sand and sea tourism strategy, Barbados signalled its arrival as a major player in Caribbean golf with the 2009 launch of Apes Hill Club.

The gorgeous 7,150-yard layout, which dips and twists through lush jungle, an abandoned coral quarry and the reclaimed fields of a former sugar plantation, is the centrepiece of an exclusive new residential community offering views of both the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea from a hilltop site near the lively community of Holetown.

Apes Hill joins posh Sandy Lane resort's two acclaimed 18-hole courses, as well as Royal Westmoreland Golf and Country Club, as the golf headliners of a popular island destination of remarkable contrasts — from the windswept Atlantic coastline to vast meadows of sugar cane to the serene waters of the Caribbean coast, the site of most of the resorts. The former British colony is renowned for its white-sand beaches, hospitable people (known as Bajans) and its refined atmosphere.

Barbados ignited its golf boom with the 1994 launch of Royal Westmoreland, a superb Robert Trent Jones Jr. design near the capital of Bridgetown. Officially opened by Prince Andrew — who wowed onlookers by splitting the fairway with his first drive — the 7,045 parkland-style layout offers breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea with almost every shot.

Royal Westmoreland reigned supreme until 2004, when the celebrity-packed but ill-fated wedding of Tiger Woods at nearby Sandy Lane resort focused international attention on the ultra-exclusive property's new $25-million Green Monkey course. Designed by Tom Fazio, the 7,389-yard behemoth slowly builds drama through the first eight holes before startling golfers with a rapid descent into an abandoned quarry.

So spectacular is the design and seaside setting that the Green Monkey instantly became one of the world's must-play courses. The only hitch is that access is restricted to guests of Sandy Lane, one of the Caribbean's priciest resorts. Sandy Lane does, however, offer public play on its other Fazio championship layout, the Country Club course, a lush parkland-style jewel, and on its nine-hole Old Nine course.

Apes Hill, the newest headliner, boasts a pedigree to rival even that of the Green Monkey. The project is a partnership between local entrepreneur Sir Charles Williams, whose family came from England to Barbados in the 1600s, and Landmark Land Company, the developer of such renowned golf properties as California's La Quinta Resort and Club and South Carolina's Kiawah Island Golf Resort.

Wentworth Club, the famous English golf and country club, signed on to run the golf operation.

The golf course has created a buzz throughout the Caribbean. Designed by Jeff Potts and Chris Cole for Landmark, Apes Hill winds seamlessly through a rolling and still mostly wild landscape where green monkeys are often seen feasting on Barbados cherries, ackee and breadfruit.

Especially thrilling are the jungle holes, 11 to 14, a quartet enthusiastically described by Golf World magazine as "every bit as dramatic and invigorating" as Augusta National's Amen Corner.

Rounding out the island's roster of courses is Barbados Golf Club, an affordable and challenging 6,697-yard government-owned layout, and the player-friendly, nine-hole Rockley Golf Club. Barbados, after years of building golf courses, is ready to play.

The Green Monkey course at Sandy Lane resort is one of the world's must-plays. SANDY LANE HOTEL CO. LTD FOR SANDY LANE

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For anyone considering a trip to a European city, Lisbon isn't a destination that springs immediately to mind. The Portuguese capital's singular charms, however, are drawing an increasing number of visitors

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5 Things to see in Lisbon

Belem

The Belem neighbourhood, on the north bank of the Tagus River, was the launch pad for the great Portuguese ships and dauntless mariners who set off to discover the world beyond the horizon in the 15th and 16th centuries. Belem, which translates as Bethlehem (the voyages had a strong religious component), has the Jeronimos monastery and church from 1601, broad gardens and a large marble map on the riverbank showing the places the Portuguese encountered, and when, as they travelled across the globe. The Portuguese like to think of it as the ground zero of globalization.

Baixa

The downtown district, called the Baixa, was rebuilt after the 1755 quake in what for Portugal is a rare gridiron pattern. Many old-fashioned stores, as well as modern international chains, line the streets. Look down at your feet and admire the sidewalks decorated in the black-and-white patterns of traditional Portuguese paving, which is also found in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil and Macau, in China. Rua Augusta, a pedestrians-only street, links two main squares — Rossio and the riverside Praca do Comercio, where government offices have moved out to make way for al fresco cafés and restaurants.

Chiado

The Chiado quarter's heyday was in the late 19th-century Belle Epoque, when writers and artists gathered at its cafés. Outside the Café A Brasileira, a statue of Fernando Pessoa, Portugal's best-known 20th-century poet, who also wrote in English, is one of the city's most-photographed sights. A 1988 fire damaged many historic buildings. The reconstruction was overseen by Alvaro Siza Vieira, who has won the world's top architecture prizes, and the quarter has preserved its elegant, sophisticated atmosphere.

Alfama

The Alfama quarter is distinguished by its narrow, cobbled streets on the hillside below Lisbon castle, where archaeologists have found traces of occupation dating from the seventh century B.C. Once home to medieval Jewish and Moorish settlements, the quarter has an endearing shabbiness and lived-in feel. Walking through the quiet streets often involves ducking under washing hung out to dry and slaloming between smoky barbecues where fish is being grilled.

Paula Rego Museum

Paula Rego is one of Portugal's most famous modern artists. She fled Antonio Salazar's dictatorship, which ruled over Portugal for four decades in the last century, and settled in London in the 1950s, but her work still draws powerfully on Portuguese culture and her childhood memories around Cascais, a seaside town just outside Lisbon where some of her work is housed. The 30-minute train ride from the capital traces the coast's contours, with magnificent views over the Atlantic. Cascais also offers beaches and a long promenade.

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Silent Sanibel — the more laid back side of Florida

Island escape. This Gulf Coast locale is a welcome respite from the glitz and glam of Florida's more built up spots

Sanibel Island boasts quiet beaches void of springbreakers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Visit the beaches on Sanibel Island, Fla., a Gulf Coast barrier island, and you're likely to see people doing the Sanibel Stoop. That's the term for the bent-at-the-waist posture used to collect seashells on Sanibel Island, which bills itself as one of the best shelling locations in the world.

The island also offers 24 kilometres of beach, 35 kilometres of bike paths and the largest undeveloped mangrove ecosystem in the country. While other beach destinations in Florida might attract partying spring breakers or glamorous fashionistas, Sanibel proves to be the perfect spot for a family looking for a quiet beach retreat at the height of spring break revelry. There was no nightlife, high rises, chain stores, fast-food burger joints, traffic lights or insects.

Even travel guru Arthur Frommer, who's seen more than a few beaches, has named it a favourite destination, calling it an "idyllic haven of white-sand beaches" with "thousands of birds of every species."

The first sign that you hit on something special comes soon after you land at the Fort Myers airport, where tourism kiosks hand out free pocket-sized Lonely Planet travel guides to the area.

The drive from the airport west to Sanibel generally takes less than an hour, but timing is everything. A toll bridge connects Sanibel to the mainland, and the morning rush hour heading on-island and evening rush hour heading off-island can add another 45 minutes onto the trip during high season, which begins mid-January and peaks mid-March through mid-April.

With as many as 30,000 people on the island during high season, biking is the easiest way to get around. But here's a tip: Friends don't let friends ride at night without lights.

Some hotels provide bikes for their guests and the bike rental shops on the island will deliver and pickup for a fee. It pays to shop around as prices vary. Beach equipment can also be rented.

Golf, tennis and fishing are also popular options on the island, but no trip here would be complete without two things: the beaches and the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Over two-thirds of Sanibel is a nature reserve, with the refuge making much of it wonderfully accessible by car or bike. Take a 90-minute kayak tour through the mangrove, where you might catch a glimpse of a river otter. An assortment of the 230 species of birds on the island from anhingas to woodpeckers will keep you busy taking pictures, while knowledgeable guides point out horseshoe crabs, flying mullet and a water snake.

A pontoon boat tour will yield sightings of manatees and more birds.

The beaches themselves are lovely and far from crowded. The waves are gentle and it is shallow for a long way out, making it ideal for children. Other beaches, like Blind Pass, have stronger currents and aren't suitable for swimming.

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If you go...

- **Sanibel Island.** Located on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Nearest airport: Fort Myers. Sanibel Chamber of Commerce: sanibel-captiva.org.
- **Birding.** J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge: fws.gov/dingdarling/
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Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting — minus calories

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

This recipe serves 16. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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Most carrot cakes are full of oil, butter, eggs and regular sour cream. This version greatly reduces the fat by using pineapple, extra carrots, low-fat yogurt and ripe banana to create the moist texture typical of carrot cake. As a result, it comes in at 223 calories per serving.

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-inch Bundt pan with oil.

2. Beat oil and granulated sugar in bowl until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla, beating mixture well (it may look curdled). Add the banana, carrots, raisins, pineapple and yogurt. Stir until everything is well combined.

3. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and nutmeg in separate bowl. Add to carrot mix and stir just until combined. Pour mixture into prepared pan.

4. Place pan in centre of oven and bake 45 minutes, or until tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool in pan on rack. When it's no longer hot, invert the cake onto a serving plate.

5. Icing: beat cream cheese, icing sugar and milk in bowl until smooth. Drizzle over top of the cake. ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

Cake
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 large ripe banana, mashed
- 2 cups grated carrots (about 6 oz)
- 2/3 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup canned crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 cup low-fat yogurt
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

Icing
- 1/3 cup light cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup icing sugar
- 1 tbsp low-fat milk or water

This recipe serves 16. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All decadence, none of the flour

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Coat an 8-inch cake pan with cooking spray. Line the bottom of the pan with a piece of parchment paper cut to fit. Set the cake pan in a larger baking dish, such as a 9-by-13-inch baking pan.

2. In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the chocolate bits until completely melted and smooth. Stir in the coffee.

3. In bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the eggs, brown sugar, cocoa powder, salt and brandy for 2 to 3 minutes, or until slightly thickened. Beat in the chocolate-butter mixture. The batter should resemble a thick pudding. Pour the batter into the cake pan, jiggling the pan to settle the batter so that it's level.

4. Place the larger pan with the cake pan in it into the oven. Pour hot water into the larger pan, being careful not to get any water on the cake batter.

5. Add enough water to bring it halfway up the sides of the cake pan. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until the cake is slightly puffed and set in the middle.

6. Carefully remove the pan from the oven; be careful not to splash the hot water. Remove the cake pan from the water bath and allow the cake to cool fully in the pan. Place a serving plate over the cake pan and invert so that the pan is on top of the serving plate. Gently lift the cake pan off, then peel away the parchment paper.

7. Serve topped with whipped cream and fresh berries or chocolate shavings.

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Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter
- 12 oz bittersweet chocolate bits
- 3/4 cup strong brewed coffee
- 6 eggs
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tbsp brandy or rum
- Whipped cream, to serve
- Fresh berries or shaved chocolate, to serve

Drink of the Week

Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

Who doesn't love dessert? Here, the classic Pineapple Upside-Down Cake is given a grown-up, liquid twist. With vanilla vodka, pineapple juice and more, it's a sweet treat.

- 1 oz Smirnoff Vanilla Vodka
- .5 oz Amaretto
- 2 oz pineapple juice
- Splash grenadine
- Garnish with cherry/orange wheel

Shake all the ingredients with ice in a shaker. Strain over fresh ice.

Spike a sword with a cherry and orange wheel and place on top of the cocktail. Add a cocktail straw and serve.

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Snow on the ground, summer on the brain

Internship impending. It's hard to believe, but now is the time to start thinking about nabbing that position

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From debating the merits of unpaid versus paid internships and dissecting the benefits to your career, internships are an even hotter topic than Channing Tatum's stripper movie.

This article aims to break it all down into the simplest terms possible and speak directly to where to look for internships and how to lock one down.

Where are all the internships and co-ops hiding?

The key is to start looking early. Did you know most large employers post their summer internships and co-op roles in January? If you wait much longer it will be too late.

Find summer internships and co-ops online

Check out the summer, internship and co-op job listings here on TalentEgg.ca — there are a ton of roles available (many with deadlines this week and next) and we post new jobs every day!

Visit your career centre

I was a heavy user of the career centre in university and this definitely worked to my advantage.

For one thing, utilizing their resources to find a part-time job actually ended up landing me a student job at the centre because they knew who I was and wanted to help me out. Career centres not only have job listings, they often have connections with other employers (and, at the very least, are an amazing source of information for any questions you might have regarding schooling and your career).

Network with your network

Let people know you are looking for an internship (professors often have a lot of insight and tips for success in this realm — and if you put in the effort, they're most likely going to be very eager to help you). Similar to my career centre tale of success, it's all about getting your face out there and seeking assistance from others.

Another great thing about internships is they can often lead to jobs. Guy Adam, Branch Manager at Robert Half in Laval, Que., offered the following advice for how to turn your internship into something permanent:

Don't be shy

As Guy puts it, "Competition can be fierce in this economy. Showing some confidence, while still acting professionally, can work in your favour." Therefore, don't be conniving, but go after what you want.

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Summer job fairs

Most colleges and universities hold summer job fairs in late January

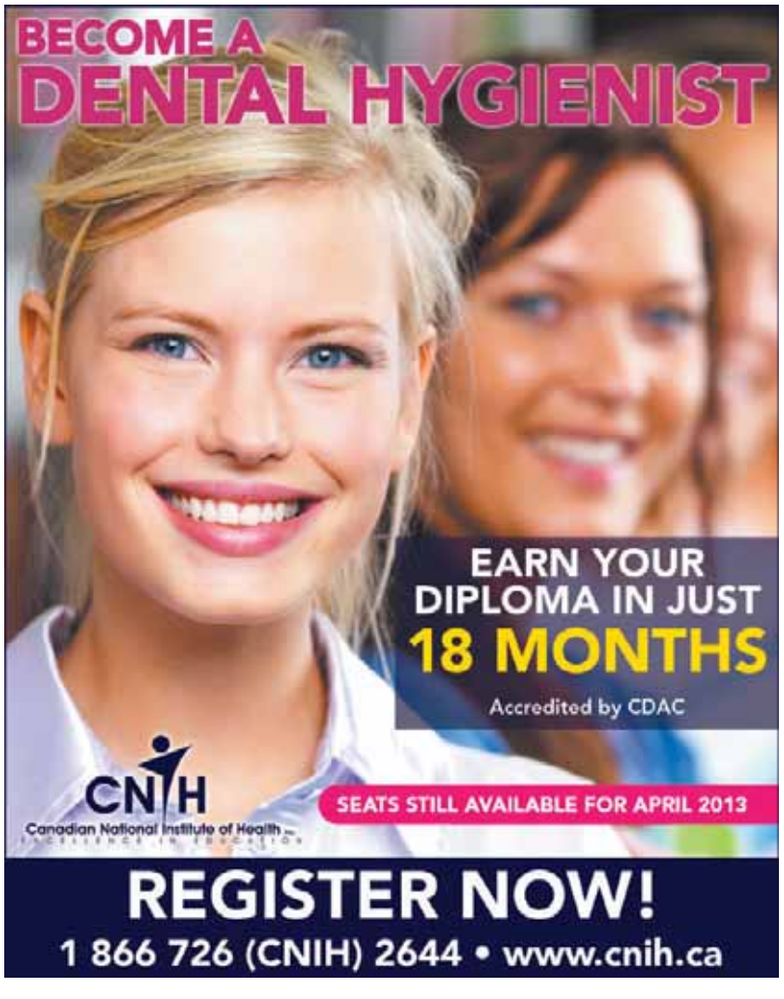
- These job fairs give you the chance to meet prospective employers and, occasionally, interview right on the spot.
- Furthermore, you will be subjected to tons of companies and positions that you didn't even know existed. Make sure you are well dressed, well-spoken and prepared to answer — and ask — some questions!

Websites and career centres are great resources when looking for a summer internship. ISTOCK

TalentEgg tweets

@TalentEgg: #QuestionoftheDay: What are some effective ways you market yourself to employers? How do you stand out?

- **@kmaniac:** Do unexpected things, like show up unannounced asking for their guidance. Worked for me so far!
- **@Farrah_Chanda:** Being aware of what's happening so I'm present in discussions, can answer questions, solve probs, fill in gaps, coordinate etc.
- **@GregRyderVAN:** Attend events and really study your desired industry, so you can talk about it and know all the ins/outs.



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Student voice

How can 'entry-level' mean 'experience required'?

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The post-school cycle

When no one gives you the opportunity to gain any experience, then it forces you into underemployment (if you're lucky). This degrades morale and motivation, which can hurt that person's job performance.

Chun-Hui Chang

The school-to-work transition was very difficult. Most bachelor's degree programs do not have internship or co-op components integrated into the curriculum.

As such, I did not have the opportunity to develop the skills needed for a good job.

Furthermore, many employers are not willing to give new graduates a chance to gain experience. I found very few job postings that did not require any experience, even for entry-level jobs. Most "entry-level" job postings I found still required at least three years of experience.

Possessing a degree did not help me at all in finding a job, and I struggled immensely for over a year. In that time, I was only offered a few interviews, with no success from any of them. I became incredibly cynical, unmotivated and depressed because of how useless my university education was.

What am I doing now?

I am now back in school for a post-graduate college program in human resources management. College appealed to me because there is a co-op component integrated into the curriculum.

However, there is no guarantee of landing a co-op position. The college simply assists you in finding a co-op position — they do not place you. As such, there is still some slight anxiety about finding employment.

My recommendations for employers, career centres and schools

Employers should be more willing to give new graduates a chance to gain experience.

Many of my peers struggled to find meaningful work after graduation because they lacked the experience.

When no one gives you the opportunity to gain any experience, then it forces you into underemployment (if you're lucky). This degrades morale and motivation, which can hurt that person's job performance.

In addition, employers need to understand what the term "entry-level" means. If the position requires experience, then it is not entry-level.

This is probably the most frustrating thing for new graduates who are looking for jobs.

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MLB

A-Rod slated for hip surgery next week

Alex Rodriguez is scheduled for hip surgery on Jan. 16.

The New York Yankees third baseman could be sidelined until the all-star break because of the injury, which was disclosed by the team last month.

Rodriguez, a 14-time all-star and baseball's priciest player at $275 million US, has a torn labrum, bone impingement and a cyst. General manager Brian Cashman said the team anticipates he will be sidelined for four to six months after the operation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cycling

Armstrong set to tell all to Oprah?

Lance Armstrong has agreed to a rare televised interview with Oprah Winfrey that will air next week.

According to a release posted on Oprah's website on Tuesday, Armstrong will address allegations that he used performance-enhancing drugs during his cycling career.

Armstrong has strongly denied the doping charges that led to him being stripped of his seven Tour de France titles, but the New York Times reported Friday he has told associates he is considering admitting the use of PEDS.

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Lance Armstrong GETTY IMAGES FILE

Capitals star Alex Ovechkin smiles as he answers questions during a press conference on Tuesday in Arlington, Va. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wide grin on Ovechkin in return to Capitals

NHL. Star headed back to D.C. after eventful few months in Moscow

Alex Ovechkin joked about his engagement to a tennis player and wore a T-shirt that read, in Russian: "Am I really the prettiest one here, again?"

Who knows how he'll look on the ice, but the two-time NHL MVP sure seems like his old self.

Having made a quick return from Russia once he heard that the NHL lockout was ending, Ovechkin joined nine other Washington Capitals on the ice for an informal skate Tuesday morning as they awaited the formal ratification of a new collective-bargaining agreement.

"Right now it's over," Ovechkin said. "And sometimes you just think, 'Why'd we do that?'"

Ovechkin was so pessimistic about the labour talks that he expected to spend the entire season playing for his hometown Dynamo Moscow in the Kontinental Hockey League.

As it is, he returns in better hockey shape than many of his peers, having played in 31 games with Dynamo. He said he got to celebrate New Year's in Moscow for the first time in 14 years and on Dec. 31 he gave a ring to tennis player Maria Kirilenko.

Ovechkin smiled when asked about life as an engaged man.

"It's a good feeling," Ovechkin said. "It's not that feeling anymore where you can do whatever you want. You have a girl with a tennis racket, and she can hit you."

No date has been set for the wedding — Kirilenko is down under as she prepares for the Australian Open — nor have any dates been set for the Capitals. Training camp is expected to begin this weekend, with the regular-season openers following about a week later.

Maria Kirilenko and Alex Ovechkin got engaged on New Year's Eve. GETTY IMAGES FILE

General manager George McPhee said he was told of one schedule that had Washington opening with two games at home — then another that had the team starting with three on the road.

"There are going to be a lot of unknowns here," McPhee said. "No one knows what this is going to look like, who's in shape, who's not, who gets off to the fast start, who doesn't. It's going to be like 48 playoff games."

The good news for the Capitals is that the roster is set. Complicating matters is that they have a new coach, Adam Oates, who was hired after Dale Hunter decided not to return.

"With most teams, if the coach has been there already, this week will be a review," McPhee said. "But Adam's going to have to teach a system in the next week or so."

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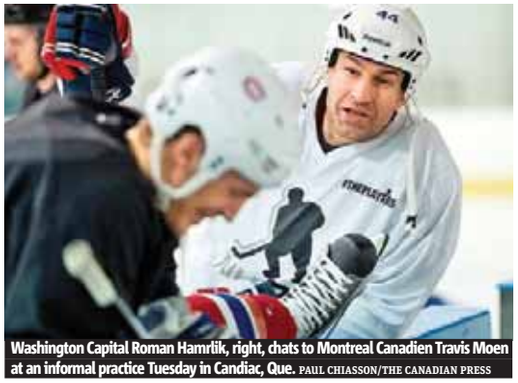
NHL camps expected to open Sunday



Washington Capital Roman Hamrlik, right, chats to Montreal Canadien Travis Moen at an informal practice Tuesday in Candiac, Que. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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48 games planned

- The league is targeting a 48-game season from Jan. 19, leaving little time for everyone involved with the sport to get organized.

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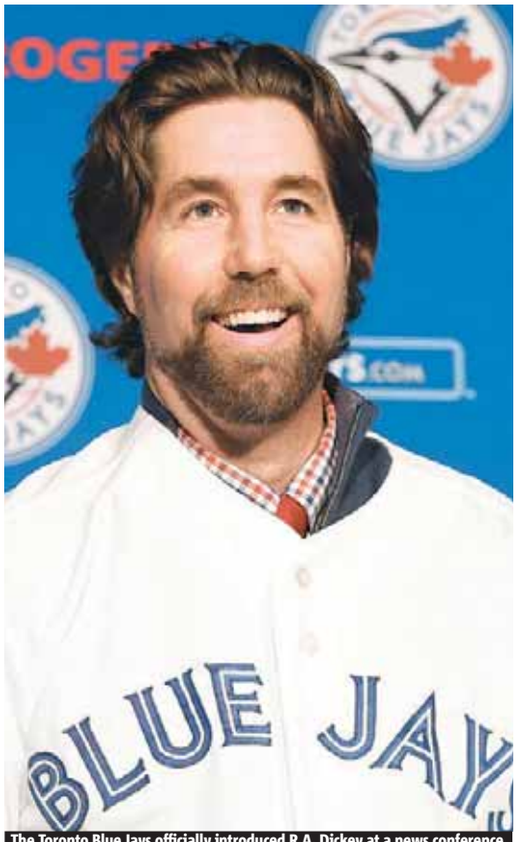

The Toronto Blue Jays officially introduced R.A. Dickey at a news conference in Toronto on Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dickey 'all in' on Blue Jays' plans

MLB. Knuckleballer excited with potential of Toronto team

Last month, the Toronto Blue Jays had a 72-hour window to work out a new deal with R.A. Dickey to close out a trade with the New York Mets for the veteran right-hander.

General manager Alex Anthopoulos pitched his vision of what the Blue Jays would be now and in the future. Dickey immediately liked what he heard.

"I was all in right then," Dickey said. "I think this can be a special few years for this city, for the country and all the players here."

Dickey agreed to a two-year contract extension worth $25 million US with a club option for 2016. He will be an anchor in a much-improved starting rotation that will likely include Josh Johnson, Mark Buehrle and incumbents Brandon Morrow and Ricky Romero.

Dickey was all smiles Tuesday afternoon as he was formally introduced by the team at a packed news conference in Toronto. For the next 40 minutes, he eloquently weighed in on the peaks and valleys of the journey that brought him to this point.

The 38-year-old knuckleballer touched on highs like winning the 2012 National League Cy Young Award. He also discussed the challenge of baring his soul in an autobiography where he divulged he was twice the victim of sexual abuse while growing up.

With Dickey, there are no cliches, no bling and no attitude.

The friendly Nashville native sat attentively at the dais with his fingers intertwined, offering informative and thoughtful answers to a range of questions.

"For the longest time, I kind of fought who I was and I'm thankful that I've been able to live through that into a period where I enjoy embracing who I feel like I am," Dickey said. "That's taken a lot of encouragement and a lot of hard work."

Dickey broke into the majors with the Texas Rangers in 2001 and bounced between triple-A and the major leagues for years. He settled in with the Mets in 2010 and posted impressive numbers over three straight seasons, capped by his 20-6 effort last year to go with a sparkling 2.73 earned-run average. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"That's what's so fun about the pitch, is that I still have more to learn. I'm still hungry and passionate about my craft."

R.A. Dickey on his quest to perfect the knuckleball

NBA

Rockets send Lakers to another loss

James Harden scored 31 and Chandler Parsons added 20 to help the Houston Rockets pick up their fifth straight win, a 125-112 victory over the short-handed Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

Houston trailed by as many as 14 points in the first half, but used a pair third-quarter runs to take over. Metta World Peace had 24 points for the Lakers, who were without big men Dwight Howard, Pau Gasol and Jordan Hill — all out with injuries.

Kobe Bryant added 20 for the Lakers and Steve Nash had 16 as they tied a season-high with their fourth straight loss. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kobe Bryant and Steve Nash leave the court on Tuesday in Houston THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Language barriers

Prostitutes in Brazil to learn English ahead of World Cup

Prostitutes in one of Brazil's biggest cities are beginning to sign up for free English classes ahead of this year's Confederations Cup and the 2014 World Cup.

Cida Vieira, president of the Association of Prostitutes in the city of Belo Horizonte, said Tuesday that 20 have already signed up for the courses and she expects at least 300 of the group's 4,000 members to follow suit. The association is organizing the classes and seeking volunteer teachers.

"I don't think we will have problems persuading English teachers to provide services for free," she said.

She said classes are expected to begin in March and last up to eight months.

"It will be important for the girls who will be able to use English to let their clients know what they are charging and learn about what turns them on," Vieira said by telephone.

"And for the same reasons we are also thinking of offering free French and Italian classes," she added.

Prostitution is legal in Brazil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"We're here playing and we hope the fans still love us and support us like they used to."

Edmonton Oilers forward Taylor Hall

Olympics unresolved

If NHL players are to continue participating in the Olympics, it's going to involve a delicate political dance.

- The issue was not resolved in CBA negotiations and will need to be hammered out with the IIHF and the IOC.
- It's been clear for some time the NHL is seeking to receive more of a direct benefit for closing its doors every four years in February and handing over its most important assets.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	23	10	.697	—
d-New York	23	11	.676	½
Atlanta	20	13	.606	3
d-Indiana	21	14	.600	3
Chicago	19	13	.594	3½
Brooklyn	20	15	.571	4
Milwaukee	17	16	.515	6
Boston	17	17	.500	6½
Philadelphia	15	21	.417	9½
Detroit	13	23	.361	11½
Toronto	12	22	.353	11½
Orlando	12	22	.353	11½
Charlotte	9	24	.273	14
Cleveland	8	28	.222	16½
Washington	5	28	.152	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-L.A. Clippers	27	8	.771	—
d-Oklahoma City	26	8	.765	½
d-San Antonio	27	10	.730	1
Memphis	22	10	.688	3½
Golden State	22	11	.667	4
Houston	21	14	.600	6
Portland	19	15	.559	7½
Denver	20	16	.556	7½
Minnesota	16	15	.516	9
Utah	18	18	.500	9½
L.A. Lakers	15	19	.441	11½
Dallas	13	22	.371	14
Sacramento	13	22	.371	14
Phoenix	12	24	.333	15½
New Orleans	9	25	.265	17½

Tuesday's results
Brooklyn 109 Philadelphia 89
Houston 125 L.A. Lakers 112
Indiana 87 Miami 77
Milwaukee 108 Phoenix 99
Minnesota 108 Atlanta 103
Monday's results
Boston 102 New York 96
Chicago 118 Cleveland 92
Memphis 113 Sacramento 81
New Orleans 95 San Antonio 88
Portland 125 Orlando 119 (OT)
Utah 100 Dallas 94
Washington 101 Oklahoma City 99
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

AHL

Tuesday's results
Hamilton 2 Toronto 1
Hershey 4 Bridgeport 3 (OT)
Portland 7 Worcester 3
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Syracuse at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Binghamton at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Thursday's game
Lake Erie at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

WILD CARD
Saturday's results
AFC — Houston 19 Cincinnati 13
NFC — Green Bay 24 Minnesota 10
Sunday's results
AFC — Baltimore 24 Indianapolis 9
NFC — Seattle 24 Washington 14
DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
AFC — Baltimore at Denver, 4:30 p.m.
NFC — Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Sunday's games
NFC — Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
AFC — Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m.
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 20
AFC and NFC (Dates and Times TBD)
SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 3 — At New Orleans, La.
AFC vs. NFC champions, 6 p.m.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Monday's result
BCS CHAMPIONSHIP
At Miami, Fla.
Alabama 42 Notre Dame 14
RECENT NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
2012 — Alabama (13-1)
2011 — Alabama (12-1)
2010 — Auburn (14-0)
2009 — Alabama (14-0)
2008 — Florida (13-1)
2007 — Louisiana State (12-2)
2006 — Florida (13-1)
2005 — Texas (13-0)
2004 — Southern California (13-0)
2003 — Southern California (12-1)
2002 — Ohio State (14-0)
2001 — Miami (12-0)
2000 — Oklahoma (13-0)
1999 — Florida State (12-0)
1998 — Tennessee (13-0)

GOLF

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At Kapalua, Hawaii
Yardage: 7,452; Par: 73
Final Round
(FedExCup points in parentheses)

Dustin Johnson (500), $1,140,000	69-66-68—203
Steve Stricker (300), $665,000	71-67-69—207
Brandt Snedeker (190), $432,000	70-70-69—209
Bubba Watson (123), $304,000	70-69-71—210
Keegan Bradley (123), $304,000	71-69-70—210
Rickie Fowler (95), $212,500	70-74-67—211
Tommy Gainey (95), $212,500	72-69-70—211
Carl Pettersson (85), $190,000	70-72-70—212
Ian Poulter (78), $175,000	71-74-69—214
Matt Kuchar (78), $175,000	74-71-69—214
Mark Wilson (68), $155,000	69-76-70—215
Webb Simpson (68), $155,000	72-72-71—215
J.J. Henry (56), $120,400	71-74-71—216
Johnson Wagner (56), $120,400	72-72-72—216
Scott Stallings (56), $120,400	72-74-70—216
Scott Piercy (56), $120,400	72-71-73—216
Nick Watney (56), $120,400	69-73-74—216
Jonas Blixt (51), $87,600	72-74-72—218
Ben Curtis (51), $87,600	70-76-72—218
John Huh (51), $87,600	73-71-74—218
Zach Johnson (51), $87,600	74-72-72—218
Jason Dufner (51), $87,600	72-77-69—218
Charlie Beljan (47), $73,000	71-75-75—221
Bill Haas (47), $73,000	71-75-75—221
Marc Leishman (47), $73,000	75-75-71—221
Hunter Mahan (45), $67,000	72-77-74—223
Ted Potter, Jr. (45), $67,000	75-75-73—223
Ryan Moore (43), $63,000	72-77-76—225
George McNeill (43), $63,000	79-73-73—225
Kyle Stanley (41), $61,000	78-80-72—230

SOCCER

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP
SEMIFINALS
Tuesday's result
Bradford City 3 Aston Villa 1

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY
FIFTH ROUND, SECOND LEG
Tuesday's results
Malaga 4 Eibar 1
(Malaga advances on 5-2 aggregate)
Valencia 2 Osasuna 1
(Valencia advances 4-1)

Chevrolet Equinox 2013

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Fuel economy

With a rating of 9.2 l/100 km city and 6.1 highway (10.1/6.9 for AWD models), the 2.4 is the economy champ in the lineup. However the efficient V6 earns nearly the same 12.4 city/8.1 highway (13.2/8.4 AWD) numbers as the previous 3.0. The choice is yours, of course, depending on your lifestyle..

A look under the Equinox's hood

2013 Chevrolet Equinox

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive mid-size tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp).** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (182); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (301)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $28,400

Engine

Unchanged for 2013 is a standard 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that's worth 182 horsepower and 172 pound-feet of torque. Both powerplants are connected to six-speed automatic transmissions, although the four-cylinder comes with an Eco mode that economically limits the maximum revs in each gear.

Style

The most significant aspect of the Equinox's styling is that it displays a rugged sport-utility-vehicle boldness shared with Chevy's larger Traverse and still-larger Tahoe. You won't find that in the Honda CR-V, Nissan Rogue, Ford Escape or most others in the segment.

Review. Clever wagon holds its own despite stiff competition

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Chevrolet didn't exactly invent this category, but the Equinox represents a new level of refinement, style and overall performance that sets it apart from its segment peers.

Clever touches abound in the design, like the integrated rocker panels in the doors that reduce entry step-over height. The car-like interior is simply gorgeous and highly practical. It has dual gloveboxes, easy-to-read twin gauges set in large pods and plenty of handy storage bins.

There's also a versatile split folding rear seat that can be adjusted fore and aft over a 20-centimetre range to optimize legroom or cargo capacity. So the Equinox isn't a giant-killer in the off-road sense, but at least it can now boogie down the road with more authority, thanks to a new-for-2013 3.6-litre V6 option that generates 301 horsepower and 272 pound-feet of torque. It replaces last year's 3.0-litre V6 that only mustered 264 horses and 222 pound-feet of torque.

A wide assortment of standard equipment (air conditioning, cruise control, keyless remote entry etc.) comes in the base LS, as does a new seven-inch touch screen to work the standard audio system. The 1LT gets you premium cloth seats and a rear-vision camera, while the 2LT adds a power driver's seat and an up-level audio package. The LTZ loads up with climate control, heated leather seats and a power liftgate.

Standard this year in all but the base LS is MyLink, which is a combination voice-activation/touch-screen system that operates the various audio options, hands-free smart-phone communications and navigation functions. Being fashionably rugged, impressively more powerful and technologically up-to-date is what the Equinox is all about.

The dash gauges retain a simple feel and look.

Touch-screen 'infotainment' system

A more head on view of the Equinox

By comparison

1 VW Tiguan
Base price: $29,500

2 Nissan Rogue
Base price: $25,600

3 GMC Terrain
Base price: $30,200

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Looking for a good used car? You could do worse than heading to Arizona next week for Collector Car Auction Week.

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Better yet, re-mortgage your house, cash in your RRSPs, find the Canadian Tire Money, sell your kids for medical experiments, check under the sofa cushions for loose change and snacking material, and visit Harold the Jewelry Buyer.

Because some of these cars are on the pricey side…

Take for example the 1965 Ford GT40 consigned to RM Auctions' sale in Phoenix. The GT40 used in the Steve McQueen film, Le Mans, was auctioned off last year at RM's California sale for $11 million, making it the most expensive American car ever sold.

Big money mobile: The 1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta Competizione 'will be the top seller' in Arizona. PHOTO FROM RM AUCTIONS

The road-going '65 GT40 going under the hammer in Arizona is expected to sell for between $2.4 million and $3 million. In case you're wondering, that doesn't include safety check, emission test, or winter tires.

Another quite nice RM consignment is the 1930 Duesenberg Model J Tourster. Only eight were built. Their open-top bodies were designed and built by the coach building firm, Derham. Estimated auction price: $1.2 million to $1.6 million.

In fact, RM figures eight of its Phoenix auction consignments will fetch over $1 million. There is no doubt, however, about which one will set the high bar — the 1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta Competizione.

"It will be the top seller of the week in Arizona," says Gord Duff of RM Auctions, over the phone from the firm's home base in Blenheim, Ontario. (Yes, one of the top collector car auction houses in the world is Canadian.) "There isn't another auction selling anything that would bring this kind of money."

What's "this kind" of money? Well we don't know for sure. But some Ferrari 250 GTs sell for around $5 million, while others go for around $9 million. This particular 250 GT is considered one of the purest and most well documented 250 GTs out there, with just four owners since new. So figure more toward the high end of scale.

While it might be the highest price achiever in Arizona next week, it will likely take a back seat in the paparazzi department to a car set to take the Barrett-Jackson auction stage over in Scottsdale. That would be the first and original Batmobile. After staring in the TV series, it's creator, George Barris, bought it from Ford for one dollar. It's been his ever since. It changes hands next week, for the first time ever since that one-dollar sale. It's likely the most well-known and recognizable car in the world.

The other auction houses that make the scene at Arizona Collector Car Auction Week are Gooding and Company, Russo and Steele, Bonhams, and Silver Auctions.

"Arizona sets the tone for the coming year," notes Duff. RM is expecting Arizona to continue the strong sales trends of 2012. "The collector car market is especially strong right now, particularly for blue-chip, investment type automobiles."

Duff says enthusiasts from emerging markets, like the United Arab Emirates, Russia, India, China, and Brazil, are bolstering the collector car ranks these days. It's a global thing now and facilitating the togetherness is the Internet. Duff adds these out-of-country buyers often watch the auction on line, and bid on line. And so can you — the RM auction will be live on rmauctions.com. Just make sure you got enough headroom on the charge cards.

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See your path and follow your vision when your car is sliding and steering is tricky this winter on the roads

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"What differentiates drivers is the ability to deal with the worst conditions. You have to steer the way you want to go."

Precision driving instructor Ryan Lanteigne. On what sets good and bad drivers apart

Students drive on a plastic, water-covered pad that simulates driving on ice. HANDOUT

No matter what or where you are driving, the most important sense you use is your vision.

It's always essential to "look where you want to go," especially if you are unlucky enough to find yourself in an emergency situation.

"Anyone can drive a vehicle straight on a dry road," says precision driver Ryan Lanteigne.

"What differentiates drivers is the ability to deal with the worst conditions. You have to steer the way you want to go."

Lanteigne was teaching winter driving at a special event sponsored by Michelin. Drivers were sent onto a water-soaked plastic pad, which simulates ice.

Once the driver was on the pad, Lanteigne would pull on the handbrake, sending the car sideways. The driver then had to steer the car to get it back on course.

The first time I went through, I thought I was steering correctly, but my car still spun around. "You weren't looking where you wanted to go," Lanteigne said. Sure enough, I realized I'd been looking straight down the hood.

Instead, I should have been looking beyond the skid pad. The second time I went through, I steered the car but looked to my right at the dry asphalt.

That's where my car ended up, pointing straight ahead and ready to continue safely.

Whenever you're driving, it's important to look as far ahead as possible – right to the horizon, if you can – and never at the road directly ahead of your car.

This gives you a full field of vision and lets you see problems up ahead, such as stopped vehicles or pedestrians, before you get too close to them. This can even help with fuel efficiency, since you may be able to slow down or go around traffic, instead of stopping completely and then having to accelerate again.

It's important not to fixate on things, because your hands will follow your vision.

A surprising number of people hit police cars or tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road, because drivers stare at the flashing lights and don't realize that they're heading straight toward something they need to avoid.

The easy part

"Anyone can drive a vehicle straight on a dry road"

Precision driving instructor Ryan Lanteigne.

Tips

- **Take note.** If you turn the steering wheel but your car continues straight ahead on a slippery surface, a condition known as understeer, don't turn the wheel harder. Instead, "unwind" it slightly in the opposite direction. This will help the tires grip and let you regain control.

- **Back to school.** Many of the skills needed for safe winter driving aren't intuitive, and lessons at a qualified "skid school" or winter driving course are a good idea for all drivers.

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Venus, planet of harmony, moves into the career area of your chart today, so you will gain more by being nice to people than by trying to be a tough guy. Work with others and you can all be winners.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
A little bit of gentle persuasion will get you everything you desire today. You don't need to force others to do your bidding. They will go out of their way to accommodate your needs. Within reason, of course.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Stand up to those who seem to enjoy making you feel bad about yourself. You are who you are for a reason and no one has the right to suggest that you should change your look, your ways or your attitude.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Venus, planet of love and harmony, moves into the partnership area of your chart today and almost immediately you will find that relationship problems are not as serious as you imagined. The fact is they never were.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to take a more relaxed view of everyday activities, especially those that require bursts of physical energy. Aggressive activity is rarely a good idea, so pace yourself sensibly over the next 24 hours.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Creative activities and affairs of the heart will go very well indeed over the next few weeks, so look on the bright side and don't be afraid to take chances. By far the biggest risk is taking no risks at all.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
As Venus, your ruler, moves into one of the more sensitive areas of your chart, you won't mind admitting you got something wrong. This is much a time for forgiving, forgetting and moving on together.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Travel and social activities will get a boost over the next few days, so start making plans. Even if you are a Scorpio who does not like the party life, you'll want to see and be seen. You're worth looking at!

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There is really no point worrying about money matters and business issues. They will all come right in the end. Whatever your personal commitments may be you will find a way to meet them — somehow you always do.

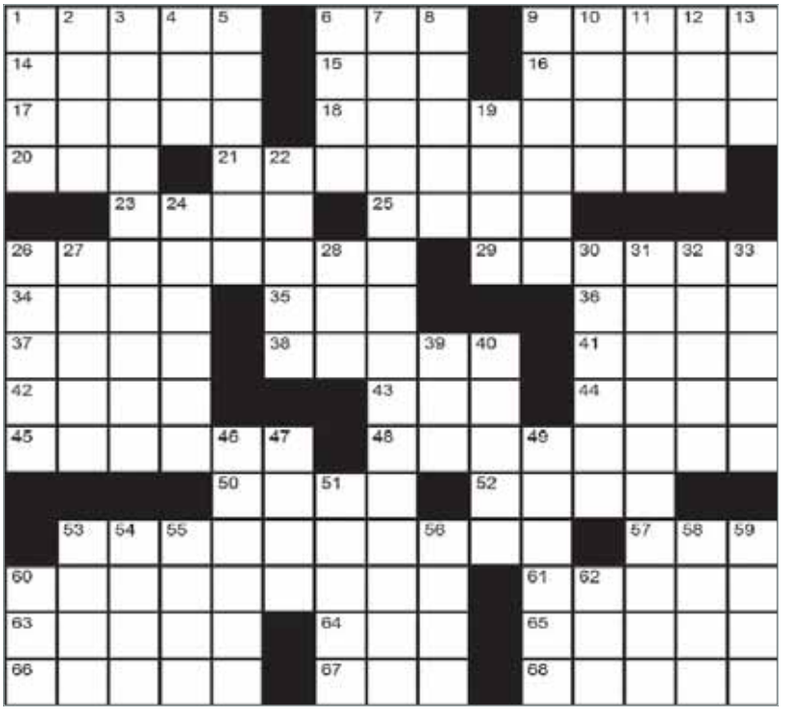
Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will find it much easier to relax and take life as it comes now that Venus is joining the Sun in your sign. You don't have to be on the go every minute of every day. Give yourself a break occasionally.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Being the charitable sort, you sometimes allow people to get away with things they really don't deserve to get away with. Don't be too generous for your own good over the next 24 hours.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Allow yourself to think the unthinkable thought. Allow yourself to dream the impossible dream. With so much positive cosmic activity today there is precious little you cannot do, so set your sights high — then go even higher. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across & Down

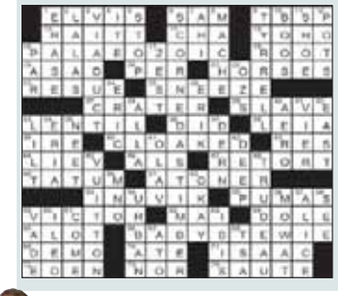
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. St. __, Nfld.
6. Cdn. business since 1670
9. Guess Who's "__ Eyes"
14. English band, __ Heep
15. Pub serving
16. Lake for Sarnia, ON
17. Tori's "Beverly Hills, 90210" role
18. Hugh Jackman role
20. Tree-like Tolkien creature
21. Harry Potter's best friend: 2 wds.
23. Environmental sci.
25. Fit
26. "Nessun Dorma", an aria from this Puccini opera
29. Belonging to our planet
34. "__ have to do."
35. German 'I'
36. 'Fed' suffix
37. Greenish-blue
38. Decree
41. Japanese soup
42. Thomas Augustine __: "Rule, Britannia" composer
43. Angelina Jolie title role
44. "I could __ _ horse I'm so hungry!"
45. One who silently approves
48. Where Bob Bratina is mayor
50. Bemoaned
52. Meas. with width
53. Canada's highest peak: 2 wds.
57. Beirut is its cap.
60. Co-worker
61. Jim Carrey flick, "Me, Myself & __" (2000)
63. Old Jennifer Garner series
64. "_ __ Blind" by 54-40
65. Little Richard hit: "__ Frutti"
66. Blood vessel implant
67. Gary Bettman's org.
68. Movie critic Roger

Down
1. Mr. Law
2. "__ __ the other hand..."
3. __ Who's Who (Canadian wildlife TV vignettes)
4. Grandma
5. Kelly Osbourne's mother
6. Actress Goldie
7. The Tragically Hip song: 4 wds.
8. Li'l star
9. Neptune's realm: 2 wds.
10. Lose yer lunch
11. Great Lake
12. Electronics company
13. Compass†point
19. Farewell, to Catullus
22. Golden hit tune
24. Phoned
26. Hyperion, for one, in Greek mythology
27. 1993 Nirvana album: 'In __'
28. Repetitive checking or hand-washing, e.g.
30. Make more cheese gooey again
31. Canadian Olympian Simon Whitfield, for one
32. Must: 2 wds.
33. "The Good in Everyone" band
39. The Company org.
40. Berry Gordy Jr.'s other early record label
46. Author Mr. Hemingway
47. Montreal-born actress Ms. Lee
49. Fire up
51. Toronto theatre, __ & Winter Garden
53. Shed, snake-style
54. "Rolie Polie __"
55. Capital of Mongolia, __ Bator
56. Mineralogist's field, for short
58. Play interlude, __'acte
59. "So __ __."
60. '_' __ in Canada
62. Wipe

Yeterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	2		7		8		1	
1			6		5			9
	6			1			5	
		5				7		
6	1						4	3
		4				1		
	5			3			6	
8			4		9			2
	9		2		7		8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	2	3	9	1	4	6	7	8
9	4	7	3	8	6	2	1	5
6	1	8	5	7	2	3	4	9
1	8	5	7	3	9	4	8	2
7	9	4	8	2	1	5	3	6
3	8	2	4	6	5	7	9	1
2	7	1	6	9	3	8	5	4
8	5	9	2	4	7	1	6	3
4	3	6	1	5	8	9	2	7

Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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